



# Sahuaro Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



**Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona**

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**City Budget Information:** Agendas, minutes and videos of all city council meetings and workshops are available online, [click here](#) for that information. [Click here](#) to visit the 2012-13 budget information page.

## **IMPORTANT!**

**Sahuaro Weekly Update.** The City of Glendale is updating the software system used to send this newsletter, the Sahuaro Weekly Update, and any other Glendale Bulletins you may receive. **To continue receiving Glendale Bulletins, you must re-register by visiting the following website:** <http://www.glendaleaz.com/bulletins/subscribe.cfm>. Just follow the simple instructions to create an account and choose the bulletins you would like to receive.

We are confident the upgrade will result in Glendale bulletins being much more user-friendly!

**Foothills Library Sensational Spring Book Sale.** Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue will host its semi-annual book sale from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the library meeting rooms.

Tables will be stacked with thrillers, mysteries, romance, general fiction and non-fiction items, with most priced between 50 cents and \$2.00. There will be something for everyone including Children's books, bestsellers, DVDs and CDs. These bargains get snapped up quickly, so plan to be early for the best selection.

The final hour of the sale becomes a bargain hunter's dream, with \$1.00 bags. Last year's sale attracted around 800 people. For more information call 623-930-3849.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sidewalk & Porch Sale.** Spring weather brings stores outdoors in Historic Downtown Glendale Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 3rd annual Sidewalk & Porch sale will offer up to 75 percent off discounts at many of the participating stores.

Along the way lemonade stands and ice cream treats will be available to keep everyone cool. A popular offering of the day is the antique appraisal service. Bring any item down and an appraiser will value it for a \$10 fee. All the proceeds will be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

Take full advantage of the great weather and historic setting as many of the shops and eateries participate in the shopping event with activities, demonstrations, make-and-take crafts and more. The shops in Catlin Court will showcase their specialties on their lawns, sidewalks and porches.

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they can pick up a downtown walking map and a Shop Glendale card, which offers discounts and deals at several area merchants.

For more details on the event and upcoming activities, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623.930.4500 or log on to [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

**Shred It and Forget It - April 21.** Bring old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal information to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road. For more information call 623-930-4044.



## **Award-Winning National Acts Headline 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15.**

Glendale's award-winning Jazz & Blues Festival will feature an equally phenomenal lineup of headlining acts when music takes center stage in downtown Glendale April 14-15. Glendale's two-day music festival always brings in well-known national and regional acts to headline the entertainment that incorporates tremendous local acts, as well. [Click here](#) for more information and the full entertainment schedule.

**“Read Local” Authors Event at the Library.** Shop local, eat local . . . why not “Read Local”? Find something new to read and show your support for local authors while they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published books at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Each author will have approximately 5 minutes to promote his or her book, with a group signing afterward. Genres include everything from mystery to romance to pirate adventure. Four of the eight authors are Glendale residents. And Apache Junction author, Andrew Means, has written a book about Glendale music icon, Marty Robbins. Scheduled authors include:

- J. J. M. Czep, Glendale: “Blackstrap’s Ecstasy,” pirate adventure
- Ruth Douthitt, Phoenix: “The Dragon Forest,” middle-school fiction
- Lori Hines, Goodyear: “The Ancient Ones” and “Caves of the Watchers,” mysteries set in Arizona and the Four Corners
- Merle McCann, Scottsdale: The Longjohners’ Mysteries, chapter books for readers 8-14 years old
- Andrew Means, Apache Junction: “Some Memories: Growing Up with Marty Robbins,” nonfiction memoir
- Kathy Papajohn, Glendale: “Maligned,” near-future thriller set in Arizona
- Wayne Patrick, Glendale: “The Silent War,” thriller/horror
- Kris Tualla, Glendale: Six historical romances featuring Norwegian heroes

The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information call 623-930-3439.

## Around Town

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**Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15.** Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale’s neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride) to pre-register. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

**STAR Party.** Join the Saguaro Astronomy Club from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28 for an evening of star gazing. Large and small telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, planets and stars. STAR Party will be held at Thunderbird Conservation Park at the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Patrick Lane Entrance. Club members will be available to answer your questions. For more information, call 623-930-2652.

**A Day at Manistee Ranch.** The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador Foundation, with the volunteer assistance of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, will host “A Day at Manistee Ranch,” an old-fashioned day of family fun on April 28, 2012, as a fundraiser for the Glendale, Arizona Historical Society. This event has something to appeal to guests of all ages! Country singers, an antique car show, vintage tractors, children’s games, and a petting zoo will add to the fun on the grounds of Manistee Ranch. In addition, self-guided tours of the Ranch House and raffle drawings will be held. There will also be appearances by staff from the Wildlife World Zoo and Fallen Feathers Bird Rescue.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manistee Ranch located at 5127 W. Northern Ave. Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Parking is free, with entrance off of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

**New Tree Trail Dedication April 28.** Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale’s Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail, on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity outside the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents to RSVP at 623-930-3760.

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